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352. Of the total number of 3,955 prosecution cases, 2,220 (1,237) were withdrawn, 64 (59) were acquitted and 832 (617) were convicted, leaving a balance of 839 at the end of the year.

353. The total number of offences of all categories under Section 20 was 4,457 (2,166) including cases of the previous year. In 908 cases, the parties were let off with a warning, 3,449 (1,941) cases were compounded leaving a pendency of 100 (330) cases at the end of the year.

354. In 3,853(2,599) cases involving arrears of Rs. 21,18,977 (Rs. 12,81,705), the assistance of the Revenue Department was sought for the realisation of arrears under the provisions of Section 13 of the Act. In 1,198 (629) cases including arrear cases, a total sum of Rs. 3,03,467 (Rs. 2,63,718) was collected.

355. On grounds of under-assessment or escapement of assessment under rule 34 of the Mysore Sales Tax Rules, 228 (168) cases were re-opened which brought in a revenue of Rs. 1,09,181 (Rs. 1,51,065). There were 29(26) cases of rectification of mistakes under rule 35.

(iv) Mysore Government Insurance Department.

General.

356. On 4th November 1953, the post of a Joint Secretary to the Insurance Department was sanctioned in order to facilitate the implementation of the recommendations of the Insurance Re-organisation Committee that pilot schemes under agriculture and Cattle Insurance be initiated, that the present method of advertisement and propaganda in the department be bettered and improved and that there is great scope for improvement in the field of Official Branch Insurance by conducting systematic and widespread inspections of the unit offices. The Report of the Insurance Re-organisation Committee was published.

357. In order to procure new business and infuse more drive in the Agency organisation, this department has been participating in important Jathras, Festivals and Exhibitions, by having departmental stalls, wherever possible.

358. As usual, the department participated in the Mysore Dasara Exhibition of 1953 and procured a record

volume of new business of the value of Rs. 8,22,350 for 421 proposals.

359. The new business procured during the Exhibitions, other than the Dasara Exhibition, was.—

Place of Exhibition	No. of proposals received	Sum Assured Rs.
Hassan Cattle Show and Exhibition ...	68	1,97,300
All India Congress Exhibition, Bangalore ...	190	3,62,950
Malnad Conference and Exhibition, Shimoga	102	1,73,100

360. The Powers Samas Accounting Machine was installed in the Department. The initial work which was taken up during December 1953 was nearing completion. The mechanisation of the accounting system of the department is expected to be completed in 1954-55.

361. With the addition of Bellary District from 1st October 1953, the field of activity of the Department was widened.

362. The decision of the Central Government in the matter of exempting the Department from the operation of the Indian Insurance Act, 1950, under Section 118 of the Act is awaited.

363. Out of 8,116 proposals that were dealt with, 5,363 were accepted, 4,275 being cases of first insurance and 1,088 of further insurance. One thousand seven hundred and thirty-nine (1,751) were rejected, 1,531 temporarily and 208 permanently, on medical and other grounds. There were thus 1,014 proposals pending disposal at the close of the year. Official Branch.

364. Out of 6,522 proposals accepted during the year, including 1,145 pending at the beginning of the year and 14 reinstated proposals, 5,169 proposals resulted in policies for an assurance of Rs. 63,50,040 bringing in a monthly premium of Rs. 23,795. Of the remaining 1,353 proposals, 245 were cancelled and for 1,108 cases, treasury receipts for payments of first premium had not been received before the close of the year. Policies.

365. There were no admissions as to the Family Pension Branch as it was closed to new entrants. Family Pension Branch.

366. Eight thousand nine hundred and eighty-five proposals for Rs. 1,23,34,300 were received during the year as compared with 8,143 proposals for Rs. 1,10,68,143 in Public Branch.

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the previous year. Including 468 proposals for an assurance of Rs. 6,25,972 pending at the commencement of the year, 8,675 proposals were accepted, 259 were rejected or postponed and 220 were cancelled, or withdrawn, leaving a balance of 299 proposals for an assurance of Rs. 4,15,700 pending at the end of the year.

Policies.

367. Out of the accepted proposals, 7,991 resulted in policies assuring a sum of Rs. 1,11,39,538.

Motor Branch.

368. The Motor Branch insured 2,047 vehicles earning a premium income of about Rs. 2,02,000 as compared with 2,097 vehicles earning a premium income of Rs. 1,86,342 in the previous year.

369. The Motor Insurance Fund as on 31st March 1954 amounted to Rs. 9,51,857 as against Rs. 8,44,883 in the previous year.

(v) Motor Spirit (Taxation on Sales).

370. The Mysore Motor Spirit (Taxation on Sales) Amendment Act, 1953, received the assent of the President, on the 16th day of April 1953, thereby, amendment of Section 3 of Mysore Act XLIX of 1949 was effected and consequently in sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Motor Spirit (Taxation on Sales) Act, 1949, for the words 'four annas per gallon', the words 'six annas per gallon' were substituted.

371. Seven importers, three wholesalers and 116 retailers were registered as dealers in petrol under Section 4 (1) of the Act, while four importers, eight wholesalers and 65 retailers were registered as dealers in Motor Spirits other than petrol.

372. The number of monthly assessments made under petrol and Motor Spirit other than petrol were 1,681 and 797 respectively and 410 cases in petrol and 391 cases in Motor Spirit other than petrol were pending assessment at the close of the year.

373. The total demand was Rs. 36,30,448; the collection and the balance being Rs. 33,73,359, Rs. 2,57,089 respectively. Further, a sum of Rs. 399 was collected under fine, penalty, compounding fees, etc.

374. Out of 34 appeal cases, 27 were disposed of leaving a balance of seven at the close of the year.